

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10 and 15-17 are pending with entry of this amendment, claims 3, 8, and 11-14 being cancelled and claims 15-17 being added herein. Claims 1-2, 4-7 and 9-10 are amended herein. These amendments introduce no new matter and support is replete throughout the specification. These amendments are made without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of the previously claimed subject matter or agreement with any objection or rejection of record.

This submission corrects the status identifier field of the claims in the claim listing previously submitted on September 4, 2008, with respect to claims 3 and 8. Pursuant to the notice of non-compliant amendment, and 37 CFR 1.121, only the corrected section is resubmitted. PLEASE CONSIDER THE REMARKS IN THEIR ENTIRETY FROM THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2008 AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.


If the claims are deemed not to be in condition for allowance after consideration of this Response, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested. Please telephone the undersigned at (510) 337-7871 to schedule an interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0893.

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- 1) A transmittal sheet; and
- 2) A receipt indication postcard.

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